

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 and 21 are pending. Claims 1, 9 and 17 have been amended, support for which may be found throughout the specification and drawings as filed, an example of which may be found at page 8 of the subject Application.

35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,609,106 to Robertson (hereinafter "Robertson").

Claim 1 has been amended, and as amended (portions of the amendment appear in bold/italics below), recites a method for use in a graphical user interface configured to support a login operation, the method comprising:

- displaying at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user interface, the at least one user identifier prompt including at least one selectable user area operatively associated with a previously configured user capable of completing a login operation by inputting user password input;
- upon receiving user input selecting the at least one selectable user area, displaying at least one user input field within the graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is automatically configured to operatively receive user password input associated with the login operation; and
- while conditions allow for the reception of the user password input and it is determined that there has been a failure to operatively receive the user password input for the login operation, then automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface, ***wherein the display of the reminder information is removed upon receipt of an input via the at least one user input field.***

Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and drawings as filed, an example of which may be found at page 8 of the subject

Application. Robertson does not disclose this feature. As shown in FIGS. 20a-20c of Robertson and the related discussion at column 20, the hint remains within the user interface and is not "removed upon receipt of an input via the at least one user input field" that is configured to receive a user password input as recited in Claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 9 has been amended, and as amended (portions of the amendment appear in bold italics below) recites a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for causing at least one processing unit to support a login operation by performing steps comprising:

- displaying at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user interface, the at least one user identifier prompt including at least one selectable user area operatively associated with a previously configured user capable of completing a login operation by inputting user password input;
- upon receiving user input selecting the at least one selectable user area, displaying at least one user input field on the display within the graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is automatically configured to operatively receive user password input associated with the login operation;
- determining if there has been a failure to operatively receive the user password input for the login operation while conditions allow for the reception of the user input, ***wherein the failure is detected at least in part by failure to receive the user password input for a given amount of time***; and
- automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface based on the failure to operatively receive the user password input.

Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and drawings as filed, an example of which may be found at page 8 of the subject Application. Robertson does not disclose this feature, but rather limits display to

1 when a password is incorrectly received. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection
2 is respectfully requested.

3 **Claim 17** recites an arrangement comprising:

- 4 • memory;
- 5 • a display device;
- 6 • a user input device; and
- 7 • a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the display device and
the user input device, the processor being configured to:
 - 8 ○ display at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user
interface on the display device, the at least one user identifier
9 prompt including at least one selectable user area operatively
associated with a previously configured user capable of
10 completing a login operation by inputting user password input;
 - 11 ○ receive user input selecting the at least one selectable user area,
and in response display at least one user input field within the
12 graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field
is automatically configured to operatively receive user password
13 input associated with the login operation;
 - 14 ○ determine if there has been a failure to operatively receive the
user password input for the login operation while conditions
15 allow for the reception of the user input; and
 - 16 ○ automatically display reminder information associated with the
user input field through a non-modal mechanism *as a hint*
17 **balloon** within the graphical user interface based on the failure to
18 operatively receive the user password input.

19 Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and
20 drawings as filed, an example of which may be found at page 8 of the subject
21 Application. Robertson does not disclose this feature, but rather limits display of
22 the hint to text within the user interface. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection
23 is respectfully requested.

